



Fire Management Assistance Grant Program

Emergency Management Division
Washington Military Department

Purpose

The federally funded Fire Management Assistance Grant Program (FMAGP) provides financial assistance to state, local, and tribal governments for the mitigation, management, and control of fires, when a threat of a major disaster exists. This assistance applies to fires on publicly or privately owned forests or grasslands and may include reimbursement for equipment, supplies, and personnel.

Background

Fire management assistance has significantly reduced the damage and impact the state's citizens experience after a forest or grassland fire. The state has received partial reimbursement of the costs incurred for 35 declared fires since 1988. In the past ten years alone, the state has received over \$25 million in federal funds for fire suppression and fire management. Obtaining assistance begins with a declaration request that is submitted to the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Fire management assistance regulations are found in 44 CFR 204.

Benefits

Under a federal fire management assistance declaration, the state, local and tribal governments are reimbursed for 75% of their eligible costs for labor, equipment, supplies, mobilization, demobilization, and state costs incurred under the State Fire Resources Mobilization Plan. Eligible activities include those associated with emergency work and fire management assistance. Applicants must submit a request for Fire Management Assistance Subgrant to the state within 30 days of the fire's incident period. Applicants work with state and federal staff to prepare projects worksheets that describe the costs incurred. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide all supporting documentation for their costs. Funding is provided through the Emergency Management Division.

Timing of a state request for declaration of need to FEMA is critical. A request can be made only when the fire is burning uncontrolled and threatens to destroy a large number of primary residence homes, businesses, a combination of homes and businesses, or when a fire will seriously damage or destroy public facilities that would significantly impact the area's residents.

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